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SEPTEMBER 1990

(For Fiscal Year July 1990 through June 1991)
DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE GRANTS - STATISTICAL REPORT

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT - STATE FUNDS

Fiscal Year 1991 - 25% Of The Year

September 1990

CATEGORY		AVAILABLE FOR YEAR	DISBURSED/ ENCUMBERED	UNENCUMBERED BALANCE	DISBURSED FUNDS AS PERCENT OF AVAILABLE FUNDS
AFDC	$	15,254,100	$ 3,656,074	$ 11,598,026	24.0%
General Assistance		1,810,300	421,159	1,389,141	23.3%
Emergency Assistance		217,000	43,400	173,600	20.0%
SSI Supplementation		761,300	238,200	523,100	31.3%
TOTAL	$	18,042,700	$ 4,358,833	$ 13,683,867	24.2%

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	July 1990	August	September
AFDC REGULAR:			
Payments	$2,406,957	$2,488,188	$2,428,678
Cases	8,415	8,658	8,379
Children	14,617	14,802	14,479
Recipients	21,333	21,593	21,127
AFDC-UP:			
Payments	$13,311	$13,142	$11,940
Cases	45	41	37
Children	96	96	81
Recipients	179	174	148
TOTAL AFDC:			
Payments	$2,420,268	$2,501,330	$2,440,618
Cases	8,460	8,699	8,416
Children	14,713	14,898	14,560
Recipients	21,512	21,767	21,275
GENERAL ASSISTANCE:			
Payments	$137,739	$147,761	$141,151
Cases	1,153	1,236	1,178
Children	452	480	465
Recipients	1,334	1,421	1,345
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE:			
Payments	$40,931	$38,865	$38,155
Cases	215	208	233
FOOD STAMPS:			
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SSI STATE SUPPLEMENTATION:			
Payments	$59,663	$59,004	$59,549
Cases-Recipients	483	475	480
SSI FEDERAL PAYMENTS ONLY:			
Payments	$1,722,561	$1,716,874	$1,739,933
Cases-Recipients	$7,692	7,674	7,755
TOTAL SSI:			
Payments	$1,782,224	$1,775,878	$1,799,482
Cases-Recipients	7,793	7,768	7,851

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CUMULATIVE STATISTICS

	September 1990 Fiscal Year to Date	September 1989 Fiscal Year to Date	% Change
AFDC REGULAR			
Payments	$ 7,323,823	$ 6,387,638	14.7%
Cases	8,484	7,492	13.2%
Payments/Case	$ 287.75	$ 284.21	1.2%
Children	14,633	13,261	10.3%
Recipients	21,351	19,304	10.6%
Payments/Recipient	$ 114.34	$ 110.30	3.7%
AFDC-UP			
Payments	$ 38,393	$ 35,916	6.9%
Cases	41	43	-4.7%
Payments/Case	$ 312.14	$ 278.42	12.1%
Children	91	91	0.0%
Recipients	167	164	1.8%
Payments/Recipient	$ 76.63	$ 73.15	4.8%
TOTAL AFDC			
Payments	$ 7,362,216	$ 6,423,554	14.6%
Cases	8,525	7,535	13.1%
Payments/Case	$ 287.87	$ 284.18	1.3%
Children	14,724	13,352	10.3%
Recipients	21,518	19,468	10.5%
Payments/Recipient	$ 114.05	$ 109.98	3.7%
GENERAL ASSISTANCE			
Payments	$ 426,651	$ 373,470	14.2%
Cases	1,189	1,039	14.4%
Payments/Case	$ 119.61	$ 119.82	-0.2%
Children	466	475	-1.9%

	September 1990 Fiscal Year to Date	September 1989 Fiscal Year to Date	% Change
Recipients	1,367	1,236	10.6%
Payments/Recipient	$ 104.06	$ 100.69	3.3%
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE			
Payments	$ 117,951	$ 92,046	28.1%
Cases	219	210	4.3%
Payments/Case	$ 179.80	$ 146.11	23.1%
FOOD STAMPS			
Payments	$ 6,338,873	$ 4,646,659	36.4%
Cases	12,804	11,110	15.2%
Payments/Case	$ 165.02	$ 139.42	18.4%
Recipients	34,561	29,996	15.2%
Payments/Recipient	$ 61.14	$ 51.64	18.4%
SSI STATE SUPPLEMENTATION			
Payments	$ 178,216	$ 176,934	0.7%
Cases-Recipients	479	485	-1.2%
Payments/Case-Recipient	$ 123.93	$ 121.60	1.9%
SSI FEDERAL PAYMENTS ONLY			
Payments	$ 5,179,368	$ 4,714,102	9.9%
Cases-Recipients	7,707	7,446	3.5%
Payments/Case-Recipient	$ 224.01	$ 211.04	6.1%
TOTAL SSI			
Payments	$ 5,357,584	$ 4,891,036	9.5%
Cases-Recipients	7,804	7,549	3.4%
Payments/Case-Recipient	$ 228.84	$ 215.98	6.0%

NOTE: All cumulative statistics other than expenditures represent monthly averages

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DELAWARE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

DIVISION OF PLANNING, RESEARCH & EVALUATION

MEMORANDUM

To: Distribution

From: Paula Jones

Date: February 15, 1991

Re: Changes in Food Stamp Statistics

This memo is to advise you that we have revised the data on Food Stamp caseloads, expenditures, and recipients for August and September 1990 in accordance with changes made by DBAGS. The revisions are reflected in the Blue Books for October onward. The revisions are very minor and involve no change to the year-to-date averages for September 1990.

DELAWARE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
DIVISION OF PLANNING, RESEARCH & EVALUATION

MEMORANDUM

To: Distribution

Via: Linda Barnett LDB

From: Paula Jones PJ

Date: February 14, 1991

SUBJ: HIGHLIGHTS OF STATISTICAL REPORT ON PUBLIC ASSISTANCE GRANTS PROGRAMS: JULY-SEPTEMBER 1990

TOTAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE EXPENDITURES

In the first quarter of SFY'91, total Federal and State payments for the Department's five public assistance grants programs amounted to approximately $19.6 million. These DHSS payments increased 19.3% in comparison with the same quarter in the prior fiscal year. While increases also occurred in the two prior fiscal years, the increase in SFY'91 was much more significant than the increase in SFY'90 (5.7%) or the increase in SFY'89 (6.2%).

State government spending, which is associated with all programs except the Food Stamp program, increased 20%, reaching the level of $4.4 million in the first quarter of SFY'91. The increase in State spending was largely attributable to a 22.8% increase in AFDC spending, which reflected an increase from 47.4% to 50% in the AFDC matching rate as well as greater caseloads.

AFDC PROGRAM

In the first quarter of SFY'91, there was a continuation of the AFDC caseload and recipient increases, which had started in the first quarter of SFY'90. Specifically, the average monthly AFDC caseload for July-September 1990 (8,525) was 13.1% higher than the caseload for July-September 1989 (7,535), while the average monthly number of recipients (21,518) was 10.5% higher than last year. These levels of participation are the highest that have occurred in the SFY'87 - SFY'91 period, as shown in Figure 1. The last year in which quarterly caseloads were as high as these SFY'91 levels was SFY'86.

Further, AFDC caseloads and recipients have continued to stay at approximately the same level after this first quarter. This is illustrated in Figure 3, which shows the caseloads and recipients for the first five months of SFY'91. The average monthly AFDC caseload for this period was 8,542, up 11.1% from the same period in SFY'90. Similarly, the number of recipients averaged 21,653 in the first five months of SFY'91 - i.e., 9% more than in SFY'90.

Average monthly AFDC payments per case and per recipient also increased in response to a 7% increase in the payment standard, as of October 1989, for one and two-person cases only. Payments per recipient increased 3.7%, but payments per case increased by only 1.3%, partly because average case size declined from roughly 2.58 persons to 2.52 persons.

As a result of the above changes, AFDC expenditures for this quarter increased for the third consecutive year. That is, AFDC expenditures increased by 14.6% to $7.4 million, the highest level of expenditure since the quarter ending in September 1981. Figure 2 illustrates the first quarter AFDC payments for SFY'87 through SFY'91.

General Assistance Program

General Assistance caseloads increased in the first quarter of SFY'91 after showing steady declines over the same period in SFY'85 through SFY'90. Moreover, the increase was significant: 14.4%. The average monthly number of recipients in this quarter increased over SFY'90 levels by a slightly smaller amount: 10.6%. As illustrated in Figure 4, the average monthly number of GA cases and recipients for this period also exceeded the counts for SFY'88 and SFY'89. On the positive side, it should be noted that caseloads were considerably below the caseloads in the period from September 1982 through September 1985, when they hovered around the level of 2,000.

As of November 1990 (the most recent month for which data are available at this writing), the average monthly caseload for the General Assistance program was 1,218, up 13.7% from the same period in SFY'90. In addition, average monthly GA recipients equalled 1,408, a 12.2% increase over the recipient count for July - November 1989. Figure 6 shows the monthly caseloads and recipients for July 1990 - November 1990.

In addition, the average case size decreased from 1.19 members to 1.15 members between the first 3 months of SFY'90 and SFY'91,thus continuing a trend that has been evident since SFY'85. The average monthly number of adults on General Assistance increased 18.4% in this quarter, while the average monthly number of children fell by 1.9%.

Average monthly payments per GA case decreased by .2% in the first three months of SFY'91, while average payments per recipient increased by 3.3%. Part of the explanation for the decrease in payments per case is the drop in case size noted above.

As a result of the above changes, spending on General Assistance in this quarter increased 14.2%, reaching the level of $426,651. As shown in Figure 5, this level of expenditure was comparable to spending levels last seen in SFY'87.

Food Stamp Program

In the Food Stamp program, quarterly caseloads and recipients continued on the upward course that started in the first quarter of SFY'89. (See Figure 7 for average monthly caseloads and recipients in the first quarters of SFY'87 through SFY'91.) More specifically, the average monthly Food Stamp caseload increased 15.2% between the first quarter of SFY'90 and the same period in SFY'91. The average monthly number of recipients increased by the same percentage. These increases were considerably steeper than the rates of increase that occurred in the first three months of SFY'90 and SFY'89, which were both slightly over 4%. As a result of these consecutive increases, Food Stamp participation levels for July-September 1990 (12,804 cases and 34,561 recipients) were nearly as high as SFY'86 levels (12,824 cases and 34,625 recipients).

Moreover, average participation levels for the first five months of SFY'91 showed a slightly greater rate of increases over the same period in SFY'90. The average monthly caseload for the July - November 1990 period showed a 16.3% increase over the same period in SFY'90, and average monthly recipients increased by virtually the same amount. Figure 9 shows the monthly caseloads and recipients for July-November 1990.

Average monthly payments also showed a significant increase in the first quarter of SFY'91. The average monthly payment per case increased 18.4%, a function of a 10% increase in allotment levels for Food Stamp households, among other things. Average monthly payments per recipient increased by the same amount.

The above changes resulted in a 36.4% increase in total Food Stamp expenditures for this period. Food Stamp expenditures for this quarter amounted to roughly $6.3 million, the highest level since SFY'82.

Emergency Assistance

The Emergency Assistance program had the second highest rate of increase in program costs for the first quarter of SFY'91. Expenditures under this program increased 28.1% to the level of roughly $118,000 during this period. As was true for the above programs, this increase exceeded the most recent prior increase in first quarter spending, a 14.7% increase in SFY'90. (See Figure--10 for Emergency Assistance costs for SFY'87 through SFY'91.) Unlike spending in the above programs, however, EA spending in this period was only slightly influenced by higher caseloads. That is, EA caseloads for this period increased by only 4.3%, from 210 to 219 cases. (See Figure 11.) On the other hand, average payments per case rose 23.1%, from $146.11 to $179.80.

SSI Program

SSI caseloads and costs showed more moderate changes in comparison with the other four public assistance programs. The average monthly number of cases receiving Federal payments (alone or in conjunction with State SSI payments) increased 3.5% in the first quarter of SFY'91. In addition, the average monthly payments increased by 6.1%, partly in response to a 4.7% cost of living adjustment enacted in January 1990. As a result of these changes, Federal SSI payments rose 9.9% in the first quarter of SFY'91.

In contrast to SSI Federal caseloads and caseloads associated with most other public assistance programs, SSI State supplementation caseloads for this quarter have decreased by small amounts beginning with State Fiscal Year 1990 (as shown in Figure 13). The caseload decrease associated with the first quarter of SFY'91 was 1.2%. This decrease was offset by a 1.9% increase in average payments per case. Consequently, the costs of the SSI State supplementation program rose .7%, from $176,934 to $178,216, in this quarter.

Consistent with changes in these two program components, the overall SSI caseload rose 3.4% in this quarter, and the average monthly payments per case rose 6%. The growth in these two variables caused a 9.5% increase in total SSI expenditures.

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Enclosures (4)

Figure 1

AFDC Participation

First Quarter: State Fiscal Years 1987-1991

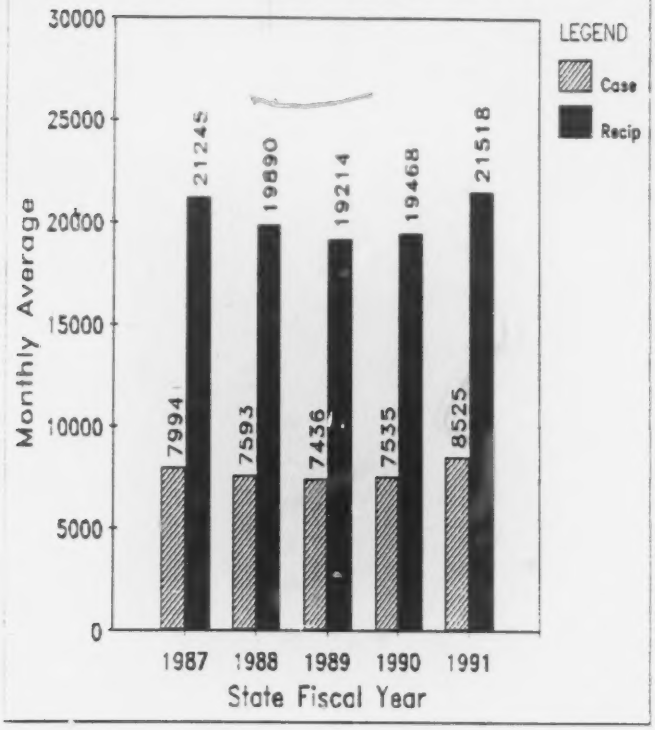

Figure 2

AFDC Expenditures

First Quarter: State Fiscal Years 1987-1991

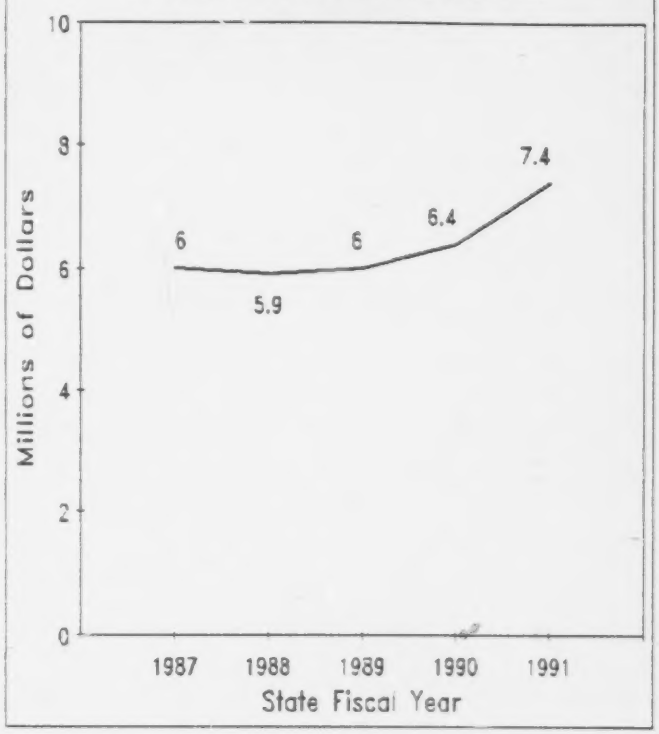

Figure 3

Monthly AFDC Cases and Recipients
July 1990 - November 1990

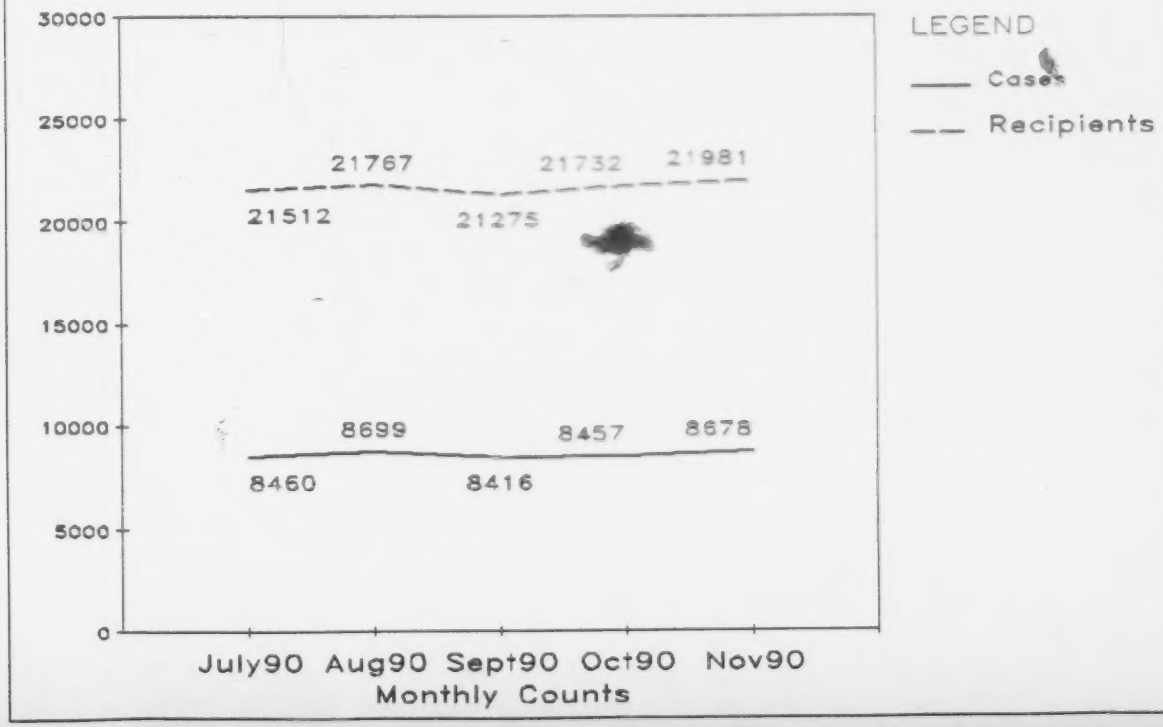

Figure 4

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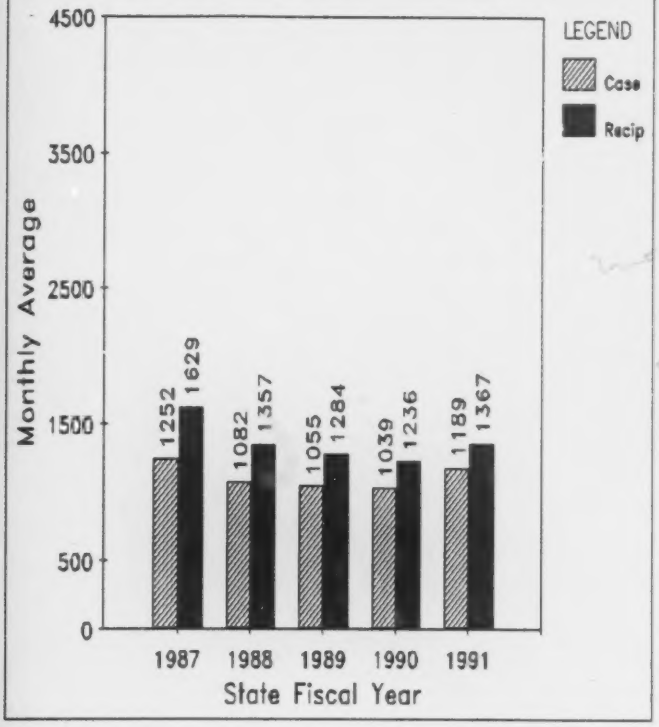

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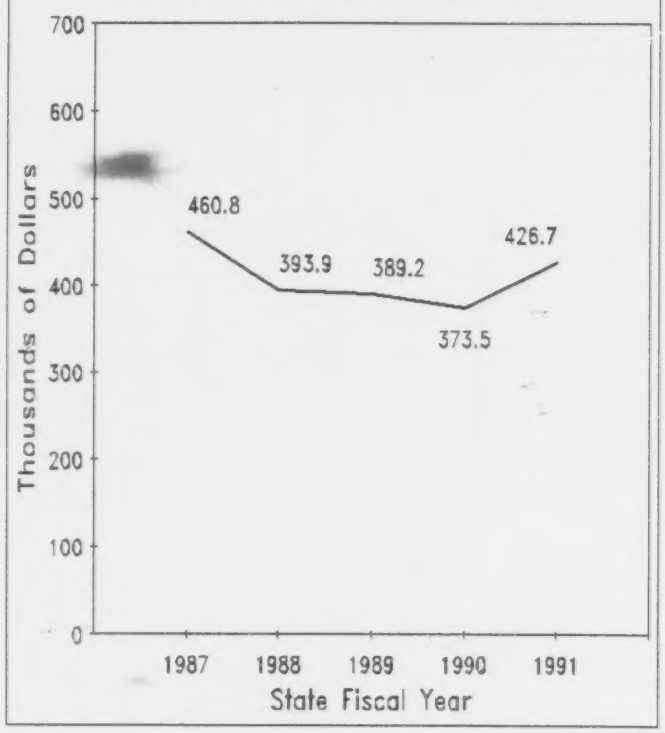

Figure 6

Monthly GA Caseloads and Recipients July 1990 - November 1990

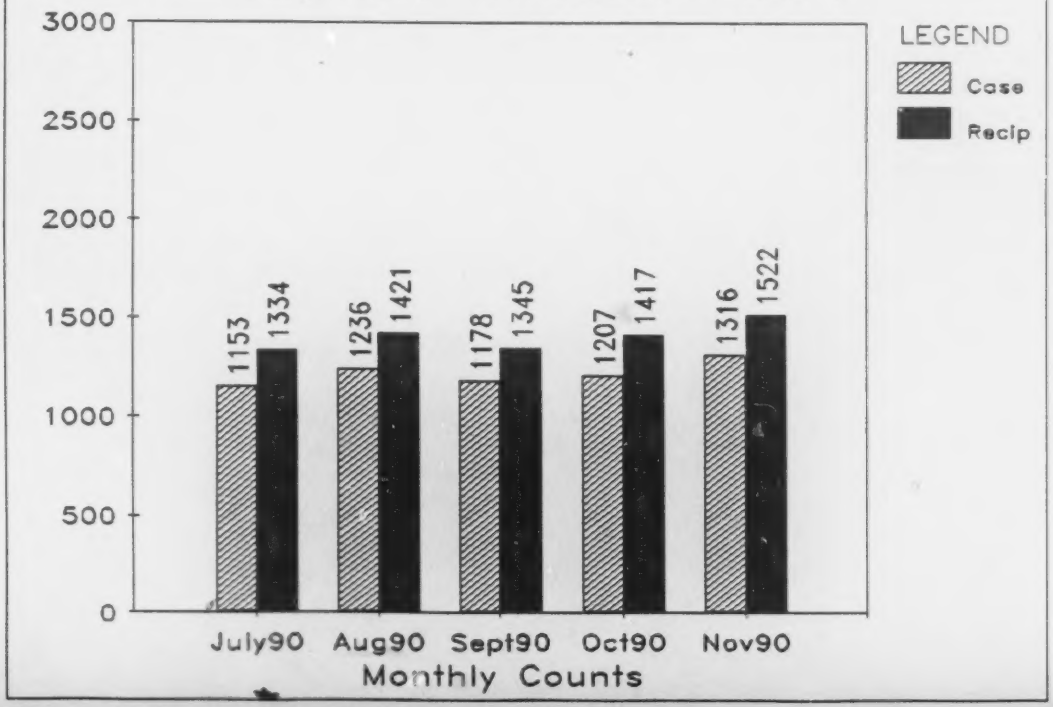

Figure 7

Food Stamp Participation

First Quarter: State Fiscal Years 1987-1991

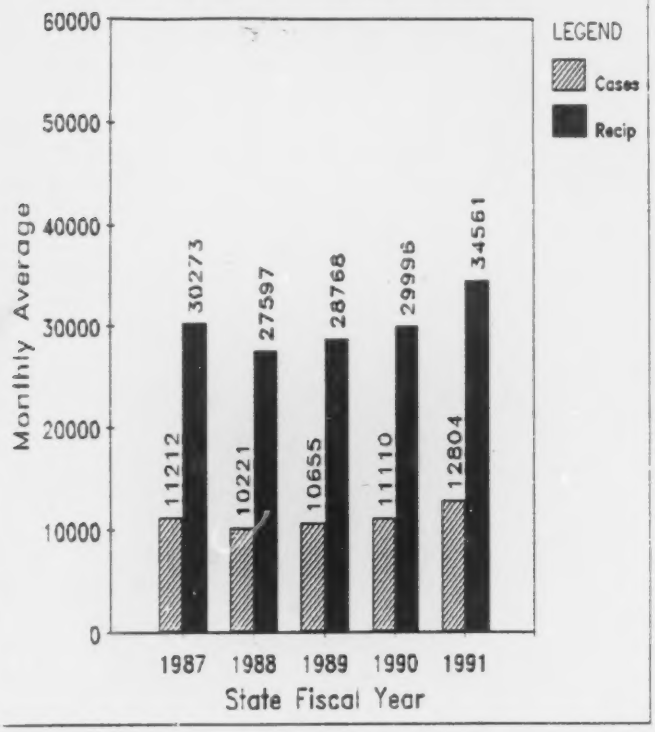

Figure 8

Food Stamp Expenditures

First Quarter: State Fiscal Years 1987-1991

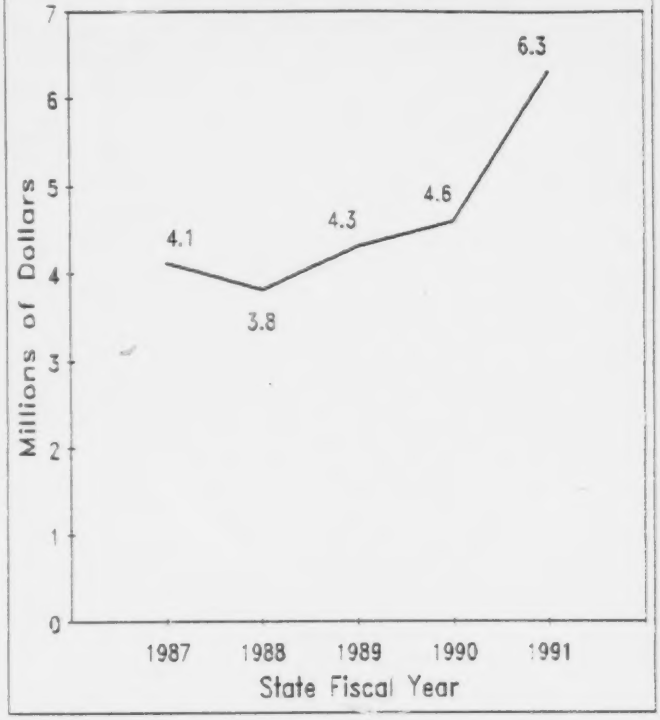

Figure 9

Food Stamp Cases and Recipients
July 1990 - November 1990

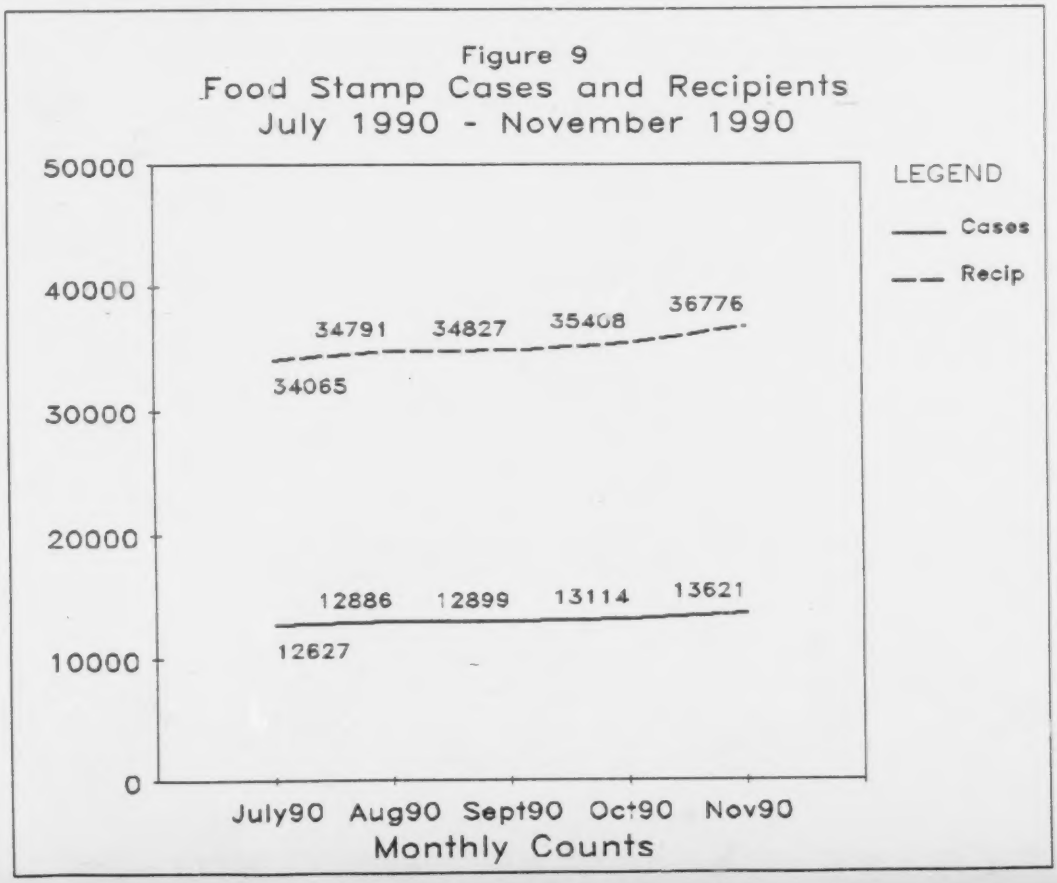

Figure 10

Emergency Assistance Expenditures

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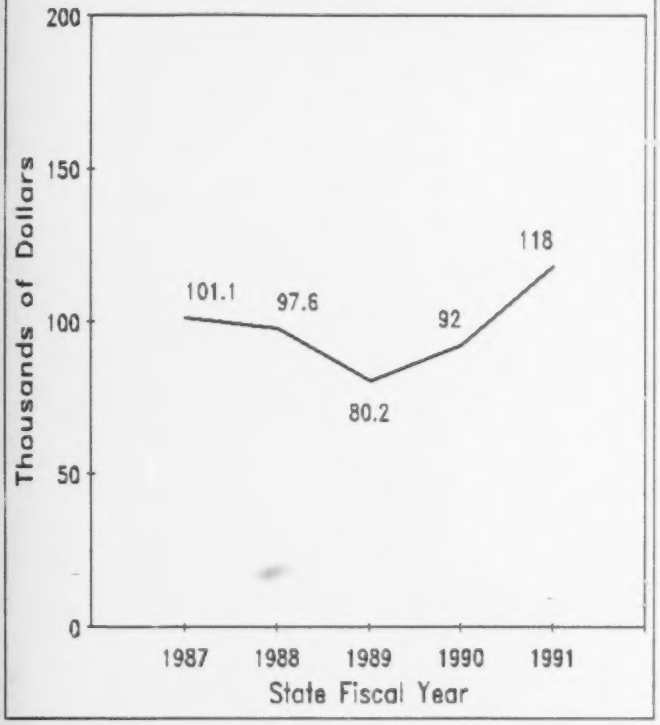

Figure 11

Emergency Assistance Participation

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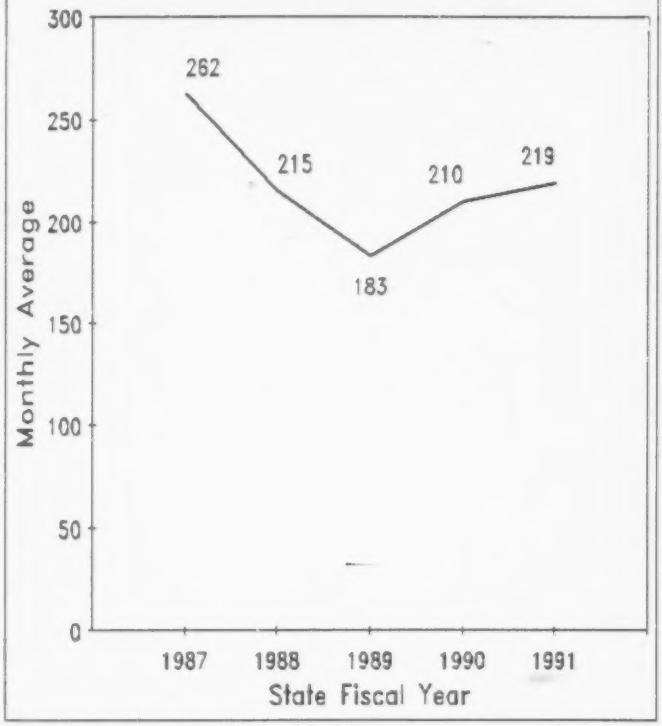

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SSI State Supplementation Expenditures

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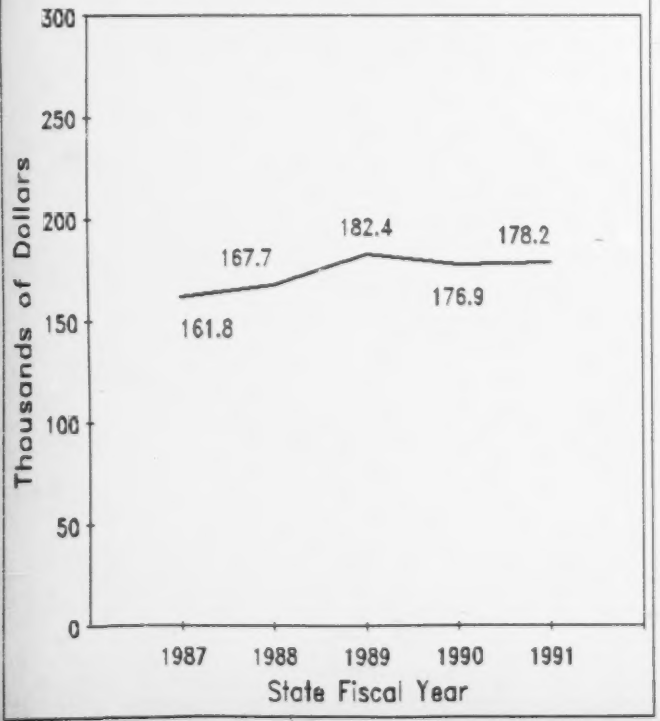

Figure 13

SSI State Supplementation Cases

First Quarter: State Fiscal Years 1987-1991